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1. MISSION CONTACTED KLEIN MORNING MAY 10 TO OBTAIN
CLARIFICATION OF HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS NEED FOR COMMISSION
ROLE IN PRELIMINARY, INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS DEAL-
ING WITH OECD AIRCRAFT STANDSTILL.

2. KLEIN RECALLED THAT POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS
HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH USG OFFICIALS,
AND THAT HE HAD INDICATED PREFERENCE THAT COMMISSION BE
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INVOLVED IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT HAD
NOT PRESSED POINT AT THAT TIME. KLEIN SAID THAT HE HAD
RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT US SIDE WOULD IN ANY CASE INFORM
HIM OF ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS, BUT
HE HAD RECEIVED NO SUCH WORD. HOWEVER, HE HAD JUST
RECENTLY HEARD FROM ELSEWHERE (PRESUMABLY MEMBER STATE
CONTACT) OF PROPOSED BILATERAL MEETINGS.

3. KLEIN SAID THAT OF COURSE HE COULD NOT REALISTICALLY INSIST THAT COMMISSION BE PRESENT ANY TIME SUBJECT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED WITH MEMBER STATE OFFICIALS, SAY IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS ON FRINGES OF MEETINGS ON OTHER SUBJECTS. BUT PROPOSED MEETINGS SEEMED TO BE A DIFFERENT MATTER,

SINCE THEY APPEARED TO BE SYSTEMATIC TRIPS DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER. IN THIS CASE HE FELT COMMISSION SHOULD BE INVOLVED, EVEN IF NO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD. (NOTE: KLEIN'S PERCEPTION OF NATURE OF PROPOSED MEETINGS WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON HIS INFORMATION FROM MEMBER STATES. MISSION OFFICER DID NOT ATTEMPT ANY EXPLANATION IN VIEW OF INADEQUATE GUIDANCE RECEIVED HERE. WE ONLY STRESSED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD DISCUSSION TO BE INFORMAL, AND THAT USG FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT COMMISSION WOULD NEED TO CONDUCT ANY FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.) KLEIN ASKED WHAT USG ATTITUDE WOULD BE EITHER TO COMMISSION'S ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN MEMBER STATES CAPITALS OR AT JOINT MEETING.

4. KLEIN WENT ON TO SAY THAT MATTER WOULD BE BROUGHT UP WITH MEMBER STATE REPS MEETING AT COMMISSION THIS VERY AFTERNOON. HE WOULD INFORM US IMMEDIATELY OF THE RESULTS

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OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON CONTINUE TO HOLD OFF ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS UNTIL MEMBER STATES AND COMMISSION HAVE CHANCE TO SORT THINGS OUT AMONG THEMSELVES. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS IMMEDIATELY. IN MEANTIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO INVITE KLEIN TO PROPOSED MEETINGS, IF, AFTER TALKING WITH MEMBER STATES OFFICIALS, HE REITERATES THIS SUGGESTION. HINTON

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